

Amendments to and Listing of the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 and cancel claims 4 – 24 as follows:

1. A method for video detection and replacement, the method comprising:

receiving an input video signal;

~~automatically identifying~~comparing, in a sliding window of initial length L, a
segment ~~in of~~ the input video signal ~~locally using to a portion of stored fingerprint data of~~
~~both the segment and the input video signal;~~

expanding the sliding window to the approximate length of the fingerprint data
when the segment of the input video signal within the sliding window of initial length L
matches the portion of stored fingerprint data;

comparing the segment of the input video signal within the expanded sliding
window with the stored fingerprint data; and

generating an output video signal comprising the input video signal with the
segment within the expanded sliding window replaced with a replacement portion when
the segment of the input video signal within the expanded sliding window matches the
fingerprint data.
2. The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising;

automatically receiving fingerprint data of segments to be identified via a
computer communications network; and

storing the fingerprint data.

3. The method as recited in claim 2, wherein the fingerprint data is transmitted periodically.

4. -24. (cancelled)